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1. WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO LIST SOME TALKING POINTS FOR POSSIBLE INCLUSION IN A PAPER FOR SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH GOC FONMIN CARVAJAL.

2. POINTS CARVAJAL MIGHT RAISE.

A) DISCLAIMER ON LETELIER. ASSUMING THERE IS NO BREAK IN THE LETELIER CASE, CARVAJAL WILL VERY PROBABLY ASSERT THAT FOR THE GOC TO HAVE STIMULATED THE BOMBING WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY AGAINST GOC INTEREST; ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOC'S LEFTIST OPPONENTS STOOD TO GAIN ENORMOUSLY.

B) PERFORMANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. CARVAJAL WILL CLAIM THAT THE GOC HAS FOLLOWED THROUGH ON ITS ASSURANCES TO THE SECRETARY AND SECRETARY SIMON RE HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENTS. HE WILL CITE THE CONTINUING RELEASE OF DETAINEES, THE DECLINING NUMBER OF ACKNOWLEDGED POLITICAL PRISONERS, AND THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ACTS PROMULGATED ON SEPTEMBER 11,

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THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE JUNTA.

C) THE PERUVIAN THREAT AND U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE.

CARVAJAL WILL STATE THAT THE REPORTED SALE OF SOVIET SU-22'S TO PERU WILL INCREASE THE IMBALANCE WHICH ALREADY EXISTS BY VIRTUE OF PERUVIAN TANK AND AIRCRAFT SUPERIORITY. HE MAY COMMENT ON THE INJUSTICE OF CUTTING OFF MILITARY DELIVERIES TO CHILE, WHILE CONTINUING TO SUPPLY PERU. HE IS LIKELY TO STRESS THE DANGERS OF SOVIET-CUBAN EXPANSION IN THE AMERICAS, RECALLING THE ANGOLA EXAMPLE.

D) PANAMA CANAL. CARVAJAL MAY EXPRESS ANXIETY REGARDING THE EFFECT ON CHILEAN TRADE OF HIGHER PANAMA CANAL TOLLS OR A THREAT TO PANAMA CANAL TRANSIT BECAUSE OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

3. POINTS FOR SECRETARY.

A) LETELIER. THE USG HAS REACHED NO CONCLUSIONS AND HAS NOT ATTRIBUTED TO ANYONE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LETELIER'S DEATH. U.S. AGENCIES ARE ENERGETICALLY PURSUING THE INVESTIGATION OF THIS UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT.

B) HUMAN RIGHTS. WHILE WE OF COURSE WELCOME SUCH STEPS AS THE RELEASE OF DETAINEES HELD WITHOUT TRIAL, WE MUST FRANKLY STATE THAT WE HAVE NOT YET OBSERVED THE KIND OF PROGRESS TOWARD THE RESTORATION OF INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS FOR WHICH WE HAD HOPED/ IN THIS REGARD, THE NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ACTS HAVE NOT PRODUCED SUBSTANCE CHANGE, HOWEVER PROMISING THEY MAY BE FOR THE FUTURE. STATE OF SIEGE PROCEDURES CONTINUE TO PREVAIL UNIMPAIRED. THERE ARE PERSISTENT REPORTS THAT SECURITY FORCES CONTINUE TO OPERATE OUTSIDE THE LAW. IN THE UNGA, OUR ABILITY TO HELP IN WITHSTANDING OR MODERATING A RESOLUTION CONDEMNING CHILE DEPENDS HEAVILY ON AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOC AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE LATTER TO VISIT CHILE.

C) REGIONAL MILITARY STABILITY. CONSISTENT WITH OUR HEMISPHERE COMMITMENTS, WE ARE OF COURSE CONCERNED AT ANY INDICATION OF DISPROPORTIONATE ARMS COMPETITION OR THREATS OF AGGRESSION. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN CARVAJAL'S VIEW OF
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THE POSSIBILITIES FOR AN ARMS LIMITATION AGREEMENT OR OTHER MEANS OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. UNFORTUNATELY, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO REVERT TO THE EVEN-HANDED POLICY WE PREVIOUSLY FOLLOWED IN OUR ASSISTANCE TO CHILE AND PERU, UNTIL U.S. PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION PERMITS IT.

D) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT. WE APPRECIATE CHILEAN SUPPORT IN MULTILATERAL AGENCIES ON SUCH ISSUES AS

KOREA, PUERTO RICO, AND A NUMBER OF ECONOMIC ITEMS INCLUDING COMMODITY TALKS ON COPPER. WE HOPE WE MAY CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER IN AJEAS WHERE OUR INTERESTS ARE PARALLEL.

4. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE SECRETARY TO EXPRESS HOPE CHILE WILL REMAIN MEMBER OF COMMITTEE OF 24, IN CONTEXT OF SUB-PARA (D) ABOVE.
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